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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McNULTY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 8, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL R. McNULTY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: God of the ages and Lord of all.

Here in America You find a Nation that is fully modern yet guided by ancient and eternal truths. The United States is a very innovative, creative, and dynamic country and among the most religious on Earth. Here, faith and reason were part of our foundation and coexist in harmony to this very day. This is not only one of America's greatest strengths; it is one of the reasons our land remains a beacon of hope and opportunity for millions across the world.

Lord, may America's quest for freedom continue to be guided by the conviction that the principles governing political and social life are intimately linked to a moral order based on the dominion of God the Creator who created all women and men equal and endowed with inalienable rights grounded in the laws of nature and nature's God. This vision, Lord, gives us the power to act giving You glory now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CARNAHAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CARNAHAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 308. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 72. Concurrent Resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation.

S. Con. Res. 81. Concurrent Resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 2929) "An Act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965."

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 110-53, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism:

Graham Allison of Massachusetts. Richard Verma of Maryland.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 110-53, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following individual to serve as a member and Chairman of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism:

The Honorable BOB GRAHAM of Florida.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 110-53, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism:

Robin Cleveland of Virginia.

James Talent of Missouri.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HARRY S TRUMAN

(Mr. CARNAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, in remembrance of President Truman's birthday today, I want to share a speech my grandfather, Representative A.S.J. Carnahan, made on this floor over half a century ago in April 1945 after Truman assumed the Presidency:

"Mr. Speaker, my own native State, Missouri, bows with the Nation and the world in sorrow at the loss of the late

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